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Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters
20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01929 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Essex County Correctional Alternative Center, Lawrence

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, as well as Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities; 105 CMR 480.000: Minimum Requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII); 105 CMR 590.000: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (State Sanitary Code Chapter X); the 2013 Food Code; 105 CMR 500.000 Good Manufacturing Practices for Food; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; the Department's Community Sanitation Program (CSP) conducted an inspection of the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center on February 26, 2024 accompanied by Sean Gallagher, Director of Operations, Captain James Comeau, and Lieutenant Joe DiPietro. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 7 repeat violations.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Hannah LeBeau
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BCEH

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HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

MAIN BUILDING

Nurse's Office

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Nurse's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Control Room

No Violations Noted

Shift Commander's Office

No Violations Noted

Bathroom (near Shift Commander Office)

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Hallway (Attorney Rooms)

No Violations Noted

Staff Break Room

No Violations Noted

Second Floor Lobby

Deputy of Maintenance Office

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Assistant Superintendent's Office

Unable to Inspect - Locked

Superintendent's Office

Unable to Inspect - Locked

Conference Room

Unable to Inspect - Locked

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Director of Programming Office

No Violations Noted

South Side 1st Floor

<i>Attorney Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Work Release Waiting Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Counselor's Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Records Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Parole Office</i>	Unable to Inspect - Locked
<i>Female Staff Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Male Staff Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Offices</i>	No Violations Noted

Intake Area

<i>Urine Lab</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shake Down Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted

South Side 2nd Floor

<i>Hallway</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # S201</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # S202</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # S203</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # S204</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # S205</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # S206</i>	No Violations Noted

Room # S207

No Violations Noted

Room # S208

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.126*

105 CMR 451.123

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 89°F at handwash sink

Maintenance: Strong urine odor present

Room # S209

No Violations Noted

Room # S210

No Violations Noted

Room # S211

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged

Storage Room

No Violations Noted

South Side 3rd Floor

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Lieutenant's Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Investigator's Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Room # S301

No Violations Noted

Room # S302

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen damaged

Property Room

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Room # S303

No Violations Noted

Room # S304

No Violations Noted

Room # S305

No Violations Noted

Hallway (outside Room # S305)

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.126*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 90°F at handwash sink

North Side 1st Floor

Dining Room

No Violations Noted

Ice Machine

No Violations Noted

Tray Room

No Violations Noted

Male Visitor's Bathroom

105 CMR 451.117

Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

Female Visitor's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

KITCHEN

Serving Area

No Violations Noted

Refrigerators

FC 4-601.11(C)

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Nonfood contact surfaces of equipment dirty, mold on gaskets in refrigerator # 3

FC 6-501.114(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Non-functional equipment not repaired or removed from premises, refrigerator # 4 out-of-order

Serving/Prep Tables

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Dry Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Chemical Closet

No Violations Noted

Main Area

Walk-in Refrigerator and Freezer (same unit)

FC 3-305.11(A)(2)

Preventing Contamination from Premises: Food exposed to splash, dust, or other contamination, excessive ice buildup on boxes of food

FC 6-501.12(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, excessive ice buildup on floor

FC 6-501.11

Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, ceiling leaking in freezer

Office

No Violations Noted

Pan Storage

FC 4-901.11(A)

Protection of Clean Items; Drying: Cleaned, sanitized equipment and utensils not allowed to fully air dry, wet pans stored on rack

Prep Tables

No Violations Noted

Loading Dock

No Violations Noted

2-Compartment Sink (Left)

FC 7-204.11(A)

Operational Supplies and Applications, Chemicals: Sanitizer for food-contact surface does not meet the requirements specified in 40 CFR 180.940^P, sanitizing concentration too strong

2-Compartment Sink (Center)

No Violations Noted

2-Compartment Sink (Right)

No Violations Noted

Steamer

No Violations Noted

Ovens and Hoods

No Violations Noted

Kettles

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink

No Violations Noted

Ice Machine

FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b)

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Accumulation of soil/mold observed on interior surfaces of ice machine

North Side 2nd Floor

Counselor's Office

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.130*

105 CMR 451.123

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105 CMR 451.123

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet loose at handwash sink # 1
Maintenance: Ceiling dirty throughout bathroom
Maintenance: Walls dirty throughout bathroom
Maintenance: Strong urine odor present

Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)

No Violations Noted

Storage Room (Next to Barber Shop)

No Violations Noted

Barber Shop
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

Room # N201
No Violations Noted

Room # N202
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

Room # N203
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Hole in ceiling tile
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

Room # N204
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

Room # N205
No Violations Noted

Room # N206
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

Room # N207
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

Room # N209
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

Room # N210 (Left)
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

Room # N210 (Right)
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

North Side 3rd Floor (Unoccupied)
Unable to Inspect – Locked

BASEMENT

Laundry
No Violations Noted

Tunnel near Laundry
No Violations Noted

Maintenance Cage

Maintenance Storage
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

Maintenance Area
No Violations Noted

Maintenance Office

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Chemical Room

No Violations Noted

Main Bathroom

Toilets and Handwash Sinks

105 CMR 451.130*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 3 loose

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 8 leaking

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Handwash sink # 8 dirty

Main Shower

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1, 7, and 10

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 3 leaking

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling dirty above all showers

Slop Sink

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, no hot water supplied to slop sink

Print Shop (off of Gym)

No Violations Noted

Toilets and Handwash Sinks

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Officer's Weight Room

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Gym

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Padding damaged on all workout machines

Barbershop (off of Gym)

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom # 105

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom # 106

No Violations Noted

Offices

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Janitorial Closet

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing

Garage

No Violations Noted

Anti-Graffiti Garage

No Violations Noted

BACK BUILDING*Classroom*

No Violations Noted

Office Area

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator

Living Area (Unoccupied)

No Violations Noted

ANNEX (Unoccupied)**First Floor***Dorm # 1*

No Violations Noted

Library (Old Dorm # 2)

No Violations Noted

Visiting Room/Auditorium

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Handicapped Bathroom w/ Shower

No Violations Noted

Second Floor*Resource Room # 3*

No Violations Noted

Dorm # 4

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Basement*C-Tech Classroom*

No Violations Noted

Old Library/GED Room

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal # 3 clogged

Inmate Shower Room

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 99 at the time of inspection.

This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice, indicating the specific corrective steps to be taken, a timetable for such steps, and the date by which correction will be achieved. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" (available in both PDF and RTF formats).

To review the Food Establishment Regulations or download a copy, please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Retail food". Then under DPH Regulations and FDA Code click "Merged Food Code" or "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Food Protection Program regulations". Then under Food Processing click "105 CMR 500.000: Good Manufacturing Practices for Food".

This inspection report is signed and certified under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Sincerely,



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